

Assumptions from Genesis 1:1 ~ Bible 9/10 Notes from September 9th, 13th, & 15th

"In the beginning"

1. God is—He exists
2. God always was—he is eternal
3. The beginning of what?
 - a. Matter
 - b. Time
 - c. Space
4. People are temporal (bound by time; temporary)

"God created"

1. God
 - a. "Elohim" is a Hebrew word for "God" that emphasizes his power.
 - b. We use the word "omnipotent" which means God is all-powerful.
2. Created
 - a. "Bara" is a Hebrew word which means God created out of nothing.
 - b. The Latin phrase, "ex nihilo" also means God created out of nothing.
 - c. Creation was instantaneous
 - d. God created by speaking
 - e. God created for his own glory and pleasure.

"the heavens and the earth"

1. God created galaxies, constellations, stars, planets, moons, etc.
2. God created with purpose
3. God created with design
4. God is *transcendent*—he is separate from and beyond creation.
5. God is *immanent*—he is close to and involved with creation.

Opposite Equations about Creation (it was either...)

Personal God
+ Power
+ Plan _____
Purpose (meaning)

Impersonal force
+ Chance
+ Time _____
Purposeless (meaningless)